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1. In 1940 oil production in Rumania, according to statistics, reached 5,810,000 tons. During the war the petroleum deposits were exploited largely by the Germans, and production augmented until the Allied bombings caused grave damage to the refineries.
2. After the occupation of the country by the Soviets, and after a period of great crisis, Sovrompetrol was founded. This enterprise extracted oil to favor the interests of the Soviets, according to a new plan of exploitation and working of the crude oil.
3. The geologists Ion Patrut and David Preda suggested some new points for drilling in the oil zones of Pitesti and Moldavia and discovered new petroleum deposits. This has brought the production of petroleum up to approximately 10 million tons annually.
4. With the introduction of turbine borers and rolling chisels the average speed for boring in the hard rock of Moldavia has been doubled. With the aid of Soviet oil experts, and with technical designs for the production of tools, Rumanian metallurgical plants are turning out mass-produced drilling equipment. The country is able to produce complete drilling equipment of various types, including the following: electric, steam, or Diesel motors, as well as rolling chisels, portable elevators, towers for drilling or for producing, and heavy equipment for the refineries.
5. The production of liquid gas is again under way, and a line has been installed to transport it from Ploesti, where it is produced, to Bucharest.
6. With the system of deep drilling, new quantities of natural gas have been extracted. Since its foundation, the Institute for Oil and Gas has always put new engineers and technicians at the disposal of the petroleum industry. The Institutes for planning are working on new equipment for the oil refineries, with the idea of increasing the technical progress in this field as well.

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